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This application is related to United States Patent Application Serial No.10/657,497, entitled HEADER RANGE CHECK HASH CIRCUIT, by Trevor Garner, *et al.*, the teachings of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

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